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SENATE BILL 2904  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-405,  
relative to telephone solicitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-405(a), is amended by deleting the date "July 1, 2000" and substituting instead the following date:

April 1, 2000

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-405(d), is amended by deleting this subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language as a new subsection:

(d)(1) A person or entity desiring to make telephone solicitations to any residential subscriber shall pay to the authority by certified check or money order, on or before March 15, 2000, an annual registration fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) to defray regulatory and enforcement expenses. Such annual registration fee shall allow access to the Do Not Call Register compiled from the database established under this part; such registration and access shall be limited to the time period April 1, 2000 until June 30, 2001, or any part thereof. Thereafter, the registration deadline and annual time period shall be determined by rule duly promulgated by the authority.

(2) Unlimited electronic copies of the Do Not Call Register shall be available to persons or entities upon their payment of the annual registration fee. A fee shall be established by rule of the authority for paper copies of the Do Not Call Register.

(3) No person or entity shall provide the Do Not Call Register or a copy thereof to any other person or entity who is not duly registered.

(4) Fifteen (15) days after the registration deadline, the non-payment of any required fee is a violation of this part. The telephone solicitation of any residential subscriber listed in the Do Not Call Register compiled from the database established under this part, by any person or entity who is not duly registered and who is not otherwise exempted by law, is a violation of this part.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.